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WHen the *Swedes* had for several Weeks together Posted themselves opposite to the *Danes*, and received those succours which they had long expected, the same day between 3 and 4 in the Morning (the Moon shining very bright) they broke up, and took their March by way of *Læden* not far from *Borley*, with a design to surprise the *Danes*, but understanding that the *Danes* likewise began to move, they altered their March, and directly fac'd about to the right towards *Lunden* to reach that Town, that so they might bring the long intended relief into *Malmoe*, which the King of *Denmarke* perceiving, commanded his whole Army to attack them and so hinder that design. The Left wing had the *Vont-Guard* and advanced so hastily, that the Foot and Artillery, by reason of the many Hedges and Stones in their way, were not able to follow them fast enough to put the Army in due *Battalia*, and so approached the *Swedes* near *Lunden*, when immediately the said Left wing with great fury charged the Right wing and main Body of the *Swedes* as they stood in full *Battalia*, and in the beginning had good Success, but the *Swedes* Pre-sing upon them with their whole Body, and the Principal Officers of the *Danes*, which should have led up the several Squadrons, being either Kil'd or wounded, that Wing fell into disorder. To Redress which *General Aronsdorf* used his utmost endeavours, and to that end not only commanded two Squadrons of his own Regiment and two Collonels, but also

himself on the head of them; but his Arm being broke by a Shot; he was forced to quit the Fight; and not till then the Foot of the *Danes* Leftwing came up, who charged the Foot of the *Swedes* Rightwing so well, that they made them Retreat, but the *Swedes* Horse seconding their Foot, gave them the opportunity to rally.

During this whole Action the King of *Denmark* (as also his Brother Prince *George*) was always present where the fight was hottest, encouraging his Men and oftentimes leading them himself against the Enemy, and it happened that the Prince, after he had slain several with his own hand, got in amongst the Enemys Squadrons, but happily broke through them again. His Majesty endeavoured to reduce his Leftwing into order again, but seeing it could not be done, and being almost surrounded by the Enemy, fought his way through them, betaking himself to his Rightwing, which then was wholly engaged, and the *Swedes* Rightwing seeing the *Danes* Leftwing thus retireing and in disorder, set upon their Foot and took the advantage to seize their Artillery, whereupon the King of *Denmark*s Lifeguard charged the Enemy being seconded by General *Arendorf*, (who with the Major General, *Ranzow* and *Mercheyme* commanded the Rightwing) they succeeded so well, that they together with the foot routed the Swedish Guards, and most of their Foot Regiments and took many Colours, in which Action they also quite destroyed the *Finland* Dragoons, took all their Standards, as also the *Swedes* Artillery and retook their own, with which they gave signal thereof 3 times and with good effect made use of them against the *Swedes*, who thereby were forced to give Ground and take their retreat through *Lunden*, in which retreat several of their Regiments were cut in peices and many Standards and Colours and a pair of Kettle drums taken. Now the Rightwing of the *Swedes* seeing the Leftwing was quite defeated and had quitted the field,

and observing by the *Danes* signal, that their whole Artillery was fallen into the hands of the *Danes*, in all haste drew up together again and made directly towards the *Danes* Rightwing (which already had for several hours kept the place of battle as well as the *Suedes* Artillery) the *Suedes* Leftwing (that already as abovesaid, had fled through and far beyond *Lunden*) having Notice of this, took fresh Courage, and coming back advanced likewise towards the *Danes* Rightwing, which was already engaged with the *Suedes* Rightwing, and likewise joined some other Squadrons that had been engaged with the *Danes* Leftwing and although the *Danes* were by this means almost surrounded by the *Suedes*, and that all their powder and bullets were spent, yet they fought so courageously that they charged the Enemy only with their Swords and but end of their Muskets, and so continued the fight, till the night separated both Armies. Then the Danish foot as well as horse marched in good order towards *Landsbroon* without any pursuit from the Enemy or the least show of any such designe. In their return Lieutenant General *Arensdorf* sunk several of the *Suedes* Cannons, which for want of horses and by reason of the softness of the ground he could not carry off. This is certain that in this Action the fight on both sides was very sharp and obstinate, so that few had quarter given them. The King of *Denmarks* Lifeguard had the fortune to charge the Enemy twelve times with greater resolution, and besides other Regiments ruined the King of *Suedens* own Regiments of horse, carrying off two of their Standards, which were white and richly embrodered with gold. The King of *Denmark* was every where personally engaged to the admiration of all men. Lieutenant General *Arensdorf*, and the Major General *Ransom* and *Meribayne*,

as also the Collonel *Bilow* and *Levezow*, and divers others have signalized themselves by their great valour and conduct, and Major General *Merebyme*, and Collonel *Levezow* slew many with their own hands, for most of the Regiments of the Rightwing charged the Enemy eight or nine times. How many there were slain on the *Danes* side, it cannot yet be certainly known, many of them that were said to be dead, being come in, and others reported to be prisoners of the Kings Horse Guards, two Lieutenants *Puls* and *Gersdorfe* and Major *Bear* are wounded and *Lanehard* the Quarter-Master General with two Lieutenants and three Coronels killed; of the other Regiments General *Arensdorfe* is wounded, Collonel *Seefelt* wounded and taken prisoner, Collonel *Countholke* killed, Collonel *Levezow* wounded, *Orzen* Collonel of Dragoons either dead or taken, *Brookehausen* Collonel of the Red Dragoons was killed by his horse which being shot fell upon him. *Frederik Holstain* Lieutenant Collonel under *Arensdorfe* killed, *Sax-hausen* Lieutenant Collonel under General *Bandine* wounded, Lieutenant Coronel *Sturk*, and Lieutenant Collonel *Koes* wounded, Collonel *Bilow* under Lieutenant *Ravenclow* wounded, Lieutenant Collonel *Shiller* under Count *Holke* wounded, *Clorus Orzen*, *Seefelts* Lieutenant Collonel wounded, *John Paul* under *Bilow*, and Lieutenant Collonel *Blackart* under *Levezow* Killed, Lieutenant Collonel *Stensen* under *Cicinnow* Killed, Lieutenant Collonel *Dederding* under *Stuart* Killed, the Major of *Arensdorfs* Regiment Wounded, *Ragener Banditzs* Major Mortally VVounded, *Dirbslow* & *Saudbergs* Major Killed, *Brokenhouse* Count *Holks* Major Killed, Captain *Jachim* of *Brookedorfs* Regiment of Horse wounded, *Preen* and *Wintersfield* Captains under *Bandiz* mortally wounded, Captain *Ravenclow* and *Hop* of the Kings own Regiment

ment of Horse killed, *Arensdorf* Captain Lieutenant killed, as also *Baudizes* Captain Lieutenant *Bisdorfe* and the Coronel of the Kings own Company. There are also divers others Lieutenants and Collonels of the same Regiment, and others of the Left-wing of the Infantry killed and wounded, whose names are not yet known. Collonel *Baron Shutenburg* is wounded. Thus much of the Principal Officers killed or wounded, but as for the Private Souldiers no account can as yet be given, there coming in every hour several who were thought to have been lost. The Swedes have lost many more as well Principal as Inferior Officers, and private Souldiers, amongst others three Lieutenant Generals *Gall*, *Shultz*, and *Fersen*, the two first being slayn, the last wounded and taken Prisoner, two also of their Major Generals *Mortaigne* and *Shoneleben* are said to be killed, *Count Wittenbery* Major General is wounded, of 9 Collonels 8 are killed (whereof one *Nibs Bilke*, that commanded the King of *Sweden*s own Regiment of Horse) and the 9th, Collonel *Potbery* taken Prisoner: how many Colours the *Danes* have lost, is not certainly known, they having saved most part and torn some, they find wanting but five standards, and have taken 11 from the *Swedes* besides what were torn during the Battle: of standards and of Dragoons and Foot Colours, in all 28, and a pair of Kettle-Drums were taken by them.

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